

National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act

FACT SHEET

Port Austin Reef Off Shore Light

June 1, 2011

GSA Control No.	1-U-MI-811
Property Identification	Port Austin Reef Off Shore Light
Property Address	Eastern shore of Lake Michigan, Huron County, Port Austin, Michigan. At the tip of Michigan's "thumb", Port Austin Reef extends in to Lake Huron with no public access. / N 44° 04' 55.300", W 82° 58' 65.615"
Property Description	A yellow brick light tower measuring 16 feet square, 40 feet 6 inches to parapet, and 59 feet 6 inches tall from the base to the top of the ventilator ball. Attached to the light tower is a fog signal building consisting of a brick structure with a gabled roof. <i>This lighthouse occupies Great Lakes Public Trust bottomlands owned by the State of Michigan. Authorization in the form of a conveyance (Private Use Agreement) is required by the State of Michigan for the occupied bottomlands.</i>
Condition of Property	The light station is offered "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" without representation, warranty, or guarantee as to quality, quantity, title, character, condition, size or kind.
Range of Possible Uses	Historic Lights and Light Stations may be used for education, park, recreation, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.
Commercial Activities	Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
Historical Information	The light station is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The light station must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the Quitclaim Deed. No bottomlands will be conveyed under the Quitclaim Deed.
Utilities	Unknown
Tenant	Port Austin Reef Light Association, Inc.
Aids to Navigation (ATON)	The ATON will remain the personal property of the United States Coast Guard (USCG). The United States reserves an unrestricted right for ingress and egress to maintain, operate, repair, replace or relocate the Federal aid to navigation and any associated equipment, and an Arc of Visibility for said aid. The ATON on the light station consists of a 200 mm.glass lens.
Easements to be retained by United States Coast Guard	(1) The unrestricted right of the USCG to keep, locate, service, maintain, operate, repair and replace the ATON and any and all

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	<p>associated equipment, on the light station.</p> <p>(2) The unrestricted right to relocate or add any ATON and any and all associated equipment, or make changes on any portion of the light station as may be necessary for navigational purposes.</p> <p>(3) A right of access in favor of the USCG for the purpose of servicing, maintaining, locating, operating, repairing and replacing navigational aids and any and all associated equipment on the light station. The USCG shall have the right to enter the light station at any time, with reasonable notice, for the purpose of maintaining the ATON and performing the other functions contemplated herein. Access shall be across any portion of the light station as necessary. Upon completion of the servicing, maintaining, operating, replacing of the ATON and any associated equipment, the light station shall, at the sole cost of the USCG, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, be left as nearly as reasonably possible in the same condition before any such work began.</p> <p>(4) A reservation to the USCG for the purpose of preserving an Arc of Visibility from the light station to the shoreline within the radial arc of 360 degrees true and the stipulation that nothing will be constructed, maintained, or permitted of a height sufficient to interfere with or obstruct the Arc of Visibility of the light station.</p> <p>(5) An easement to the USCG for the purpose of sounding, in certain weather conditions, a fog signal horn.</p>
Environmental Information	Lead-based paint; asbestos-containing material may be present.
Access/Inspection	The U.S. General Services Administration will provide an opportunity for eligible entities to inspect the light station after the Notice has closed. A completed Waiver of Liability form will be required to inspect the light station.